



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

County Counsel
Director of Health Services

At its meeting held September 28, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

“On Thursday, September 23, 2004, I was advised that the Daughters of Charity Health System intends to close Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center, located at 4500 West 116th Street in Hawthorne on December 21, 2004. Last year, Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center’s emergency department reported 21,686 visits, including 5,012 patients transported by the 9-1-1 system. The closure of Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center may likely impact the healthcare of the community.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Burke and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Health Services and County Counsel to ensure that the Daughters of Charity comply with all required notifications to the community, health plans and health plan enrollees regarding its intention to close Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center;
2. Instructed the Emergency Medical Services Agency to complete its Impact Evaluation Study as required by law;

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3. Requested the Emergency Medical Services Commission to move swiftly to conduct the required public hearing and that the public hearing be held in the community of Hawthorne to ensure the widest possible participation by the citizens and healthcare providers in the immediate surrounding area of the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center; and
4. Instructed the Director of Health Services to study the impact that the closure of the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center and the loss of its emergency room will have on the surrounding public and private hospitals and report back to the Board with findings at the Wednesday, November 3, 2004 Board Meeting.

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